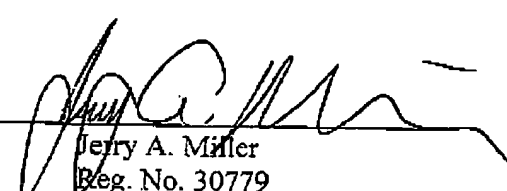
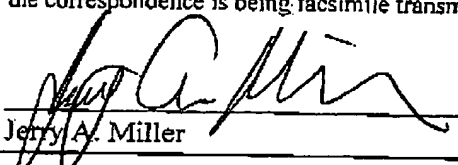


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Attorney Docket No: SNY-P4255.01		
Application Serial Number: 09/783,255		Filing Date: 2/14/2001		Examiner: Sue X. Lao		Art Unit: 2126
Invention: Method and Apparatus for Controlling Set-Top Box Hardware and Software Functions						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	37	MINUS	52	0	\$50	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	8	MINUS	8	0	\$200	\$0
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated 12/1/2004, in which claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-18, 26-41, 43-48 and 50-52 were rejected. Claims 19-25, 42 and 43 were allowed and claims 6, 15 and 49 were objected to but indicated to be allowable over the cited art. The drawings were accepted. Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following.

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